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Vice President and Actuary

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Dear Sir,

Thanks for writing. However, the name "Loring" is only 1/2 generations old - my grandfather was born "Lesowitz," and changed it. There is an old-time Loring family in New England, but I'm not part of it.

Peace

Denis

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Dear Eve,

Thanks for responding to my survey

I myself have two 1869 Masses but no 1870

Of the others, I lack only the Foster Larcker.

If you ever decide to part with the  
1870 Mass, I'd appreciate a chance at it.

It's the last large cent reference I need.

Peace -

Irene

DAIRY COUNCIL  
FOOT 363  
RENTON, WASH.

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Dear Eve,

I'm afraid I can't be of much help on the Jefferson webs. I have no idea when they first appeared. The "Jefferson" sobriquet came from Ebenezer Mason in 1859. Personally, I fully believe the John Harper theory, as Birrell lays it out in his Encyclopedias.  
Sorry I don't have more.

Peace -

Irene

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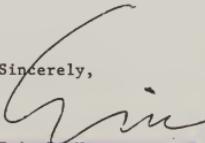
Dear Denis:

Thanks very much for your comment on the Jefferson head cent.

I have been doing considerable reading on the subject and would like to know if you have ever seen the lettered edge variety. If not, do you know who owns it? Have you or do you know anyone who has compared the lettered edge to products of the U.S. Mint? It would seem odd if Harper made up an edge lettering machine die. He could have overstruck an existing 1795 United States cent or he might have obtained a planchet from the mint which had been lettered already. The 1793 or 1794 cents would have been too thick. In other words, I am interested in knowing whether the lettered edge on the Jefferson head is normal or abnormal or in between.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

## LARGE CENTS 101

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### Series

1793-1814 - early - "Sheldon". To be published: Breen  
1816-1857 - late - "Newcomb". Now renamed:  
1816-1839 - middle - Wright (to be published)  
1840-1857 - late - Grellman-Reiver

### Ways of Collecting

Type: Chain, Wreath, Cap, Bust, Classic, Coronet (Matron), Braided  
Transition years: 1835-39 varied, 1840-43 petite, 1844-57 mature  
Date: with/without overdates and major transitions (e.g. 1795)  
Major variety: e.g. Red Book or subset, Breen encyclopedia  
Die variety: by date or series; often includes subvarieties  
Die state: e.g. progressions, terminal states only  
Random: whatever turns you on

### Grading systems

Commercial: Brown and Dunn, Photograde, ANACS

Early American Coppers:

Numerical 1-70 scale invented by Sheldon

Sharpness (1-15), surface (20-55), color (60-70)

Copper Quotes by Robinson (COR): choice, average, scudzy  
Slabs: brown, red and brown, red

### Pricing

Type: Grey (CDN) and Blue (CCDN) sheets, ANE

Date and major variety: "Red Book", Coin World, Numismatic News

Die variety: basal values (obsolete), COR

Auctions, especially major cent collections; book vs. floor

Fixed price lists, especially early copper specialists

### Preservation and Storage

Cleaning: soap and water, acetone, xylene (Xylol)

Preservation: "Care", mineral oil, carnauba wax

Tools: thorn, toothbrush, Q-tip, chamois, #4 goat's hair brush

Storage: albums, flips not good; cotton liners, polybags inside 2x2's

Corrosion removal, recoloring: leave it-to the pros!

### Literature and References

Historical: Lapp and Silberman, United States Large Cents 1793-1857,  
an anthology from The Numismatist

General: "Red Book", Breen encyclopedia

Variety references: Sheldon, Newcomb, Grellman-Reiver

Auction catalogs:

Naftzger: New Netherlands 11/73

Ruby: Superior 2/74

Starr: Stack's 6/84

Van Cleave: Kagan 1/86

Robinson S. Brown, Jr.: Superior 9/86

Halpern: Stack's 3/88

Jack H. Robinson: Superior 1/89

Penny-Wise, the bimonthly journal of the Early American Coppers club  
COR, published periodically by Jack H. Robinson

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August 31, 1990

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Dear Dennis:

On Saturday morning August 25, 1990 in Seattle, the assembled group of the Rittenhouse Society elected you to be one of its members. It is a pleasure for me to write you on behalf of this unusual old organization which has no dues, no articles of association, no rules, but only the fellowship of sincere numismatic writers. Your telephone acceptance pleases all of us who respect your effective and continual contributions to numismatic literature and science.

My kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

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# The Rittenhouse Society Newsletter

*Dav<sup>2</sup> Rittenhouse*

"Bringing Us Closer Together"

Summer 1990

Volume 2, No. 1

*You're Invited  
to the 30th Annual Meeting of the  
Rittenhouse Society*

*Held during the  
99th Anniversary Convention  
of the  
American Numismatic Association*

*Sheraton Seattle  
Seattle, Washington*

*Saturday, August 25, 1990  
8 o'clock in the morning*

*"Dutch Treat" Breakfast  
Spouses are Welcome!*

*We will meet in the Sheraton Hotel Lobby at 7:45 AM*

Dear Friends:

One year has elapsed since the last issue of this newsletter arrived in your mailboxes. The lack, or rather loss of three quarterly issues has been due to an illness experienced by your editor. Needless to say things seem to be finally improving and I will return to a regular publication schedule. Unfortunately due to the setbacks during the past year, I will not be able to attend our annual meeting on August 25, 1990. Instead, I will look forward to the ramblings of this forthcoming breakfast meeting and the prospects of Chicago in 1991.

## OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY!

1990 is a very special Rittenhouse celebration year! This month the Rittenhouse Society will observe and celebrate (have an O.J. for me!) it's 30th Anniversary! Notwithstanding this extraordinary Society celebration, 1990 also marks the Tricentennial of Papermaking in America.

In commemoration of our 30th Anniversary, it is only appropriate to include within the pages of this newsletter the minutes of the very first meeting of the Rittenhouse Society held on August 26, 1960. I have also taken the liberty of including the minutes of the second meeting of the Society for a memorable trip back in time. For those members able to attend the 30th Anniversary meeting of the Society, a special Rittenhouse memento will be distributed at the meeting.

## 300 YEARS OF AMERICAN PAPERMAKING

In 1690, William Rittenhouse, the great grandfather of our Society namesake, founded the first papermill in the United States. As a memento of this celebration I have included a postal card released by the United States Postal Service commemorating the 300th Anniversary of the Rittenhouse mill.

On October 11-14, 1990 the Friends of the Dard Hunter Paper Museum (FDHPM) will celebrate "300 Years of Papermaking History" with their annual meeting in Pennsylvania. Yours truly will be in attendance at this meeting. A keynote lecture on William Rittenhouse will be presented on Thursday, October 11, 1990, by Mr. Henk Vroom. On Friday, October 12, 1990, the FDHPM will tour the RittenhouseTown Complex and enjoy an exhibit on the "Rittenhouse Mill and the Beginnings of Papermaking in America." Numerous other exhibits and lectures are planned for this historical Rittenhouse weekend. In the next issue of this newsletter I will provide you with a recap of the FDHPM annual meeting.

Until the next issue, enjoy this year of Rittenhouse celebrations!

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September 9, 1990

Dear Eric,

I am flattered and honored to be elected into membership of the Rittenhouse Society. I accept with pleasure. A society based on an abundance of fellowship and an absence of rules suits me perfectly. Rittenhouse seems a welcome oasis of numismatics in the increasingly arid desert of the coin business.

I'll see you in Chicago, if not before.

Sincerely,



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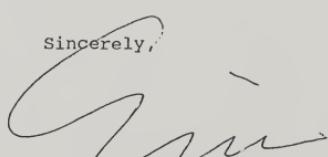
February 13, 1995

Dear Denis:

In accordance with your inquiry in The Asylum I can report that our Chapman on 1794 cents is your 1926 a type and is numbered 157. The spine is lettered.

I hope this helps.

Sincerely,

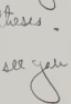
  
Eric P. Newman

Denis —  
The original of my letter to you dated Feb. 13, 1995 was mailed back to me by you on Feb 21, 1995 without any comment or incit. I do not understand the purpose of this.

H. Eric —

Blame this on my super-efficient secretary. She saw the envelope and letter, and set it off before I had a chance to write my note! I just wanted to thank you for the input. So far, all samples confirm my hypotheses.

FAT is in Cincinnati April 20-23. Perhaps I'll see you there, or else at ANA.

  
Eric P. Newman

Mr. Dennis Loring

March 13, 1998

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Dear Dennis:

I understand you have a new actuarial position. Congratulations.

There is enclosed an item for you or some member of EAC to read at the general meeting in Boston in April 1998. I do not plan to be there and therefore cannot present it myself. I will appreciate it if you would put it on the agenda and read it. If there is any reason this cannot be done please let me know. I believe it might be helpful to have a few extra copies to give out to members after it is read.

Thank you for your cooperation.

My best,

Eric P. Newman

cc: ANS